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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ryuichi AOKI

Application No.: 09/415,461

Filed: October 14, 1999

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DEPOSITING ENCRYPTION KEYS

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Docket No.: 104526

**REQUEST FOR REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

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Attached hereto is a copy of a Monthly Statement of Deposit Account (dated January, 2004) showing charges of \$688.00 and \$54.00 (a total of \$742.00) related to the above-referenced application. These charges are marked with Fee Codes 1201 and 1202, respectively, which are the Patent Office Fee for independent claims in excess of three and claims in excess of twenty, respectively, related to an Amendment filed on December 29, 2003.

However, the correct charges associated with the December 29 Amendment should be \$230.00. The Amendment resulted in 28 claims (claims 1-3 and 5-19) including four independent claims (claims 1, 12, 13 and 15). The charge for the claims should have been (28-20) \*\$18.00 = \$144.00. The charge for the independent claims should have been (4-3) \*\$86.00 = \$86.00. Thus, the total charges should have been \$144.00 + \$86.00 = \$230.00.

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